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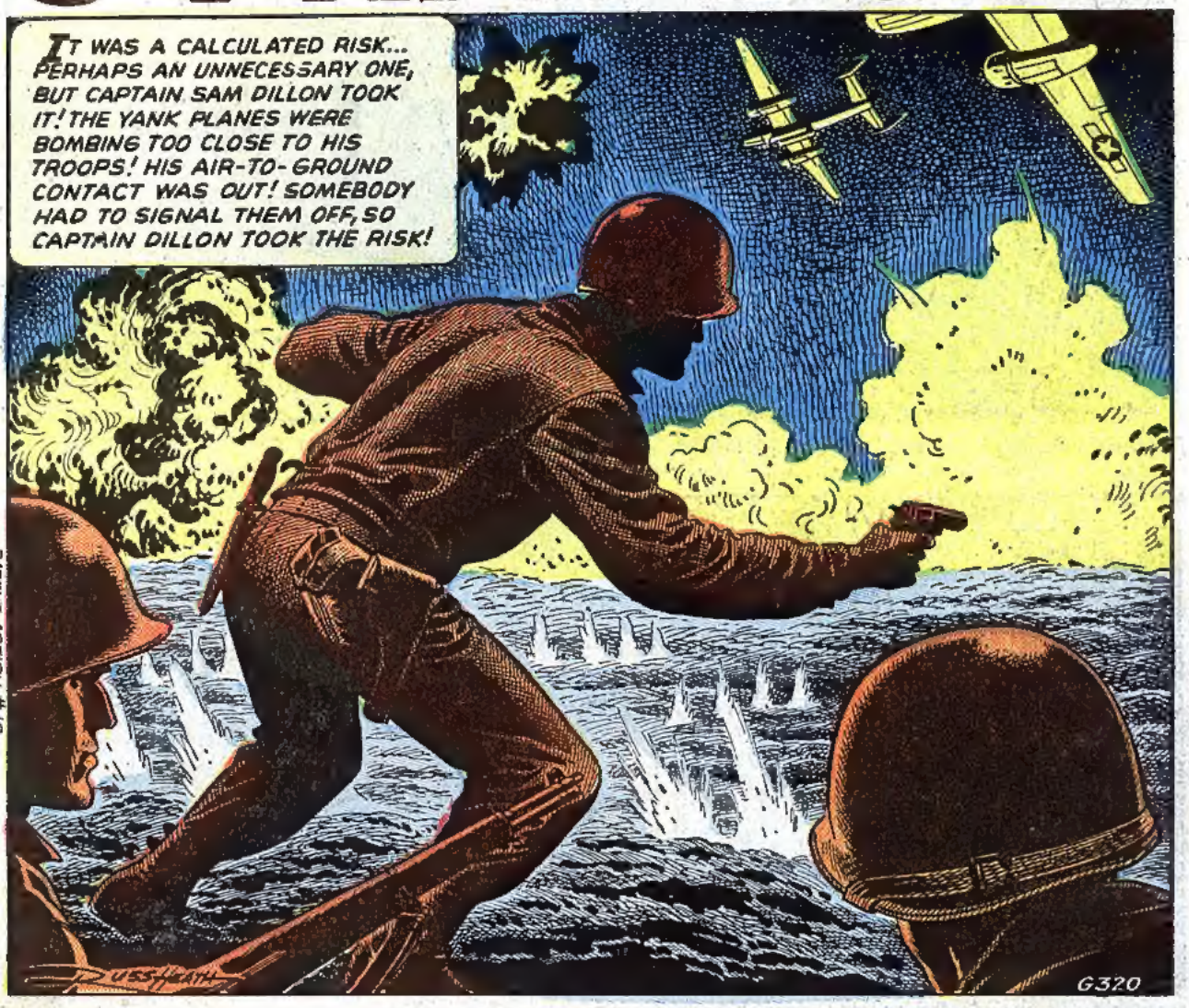
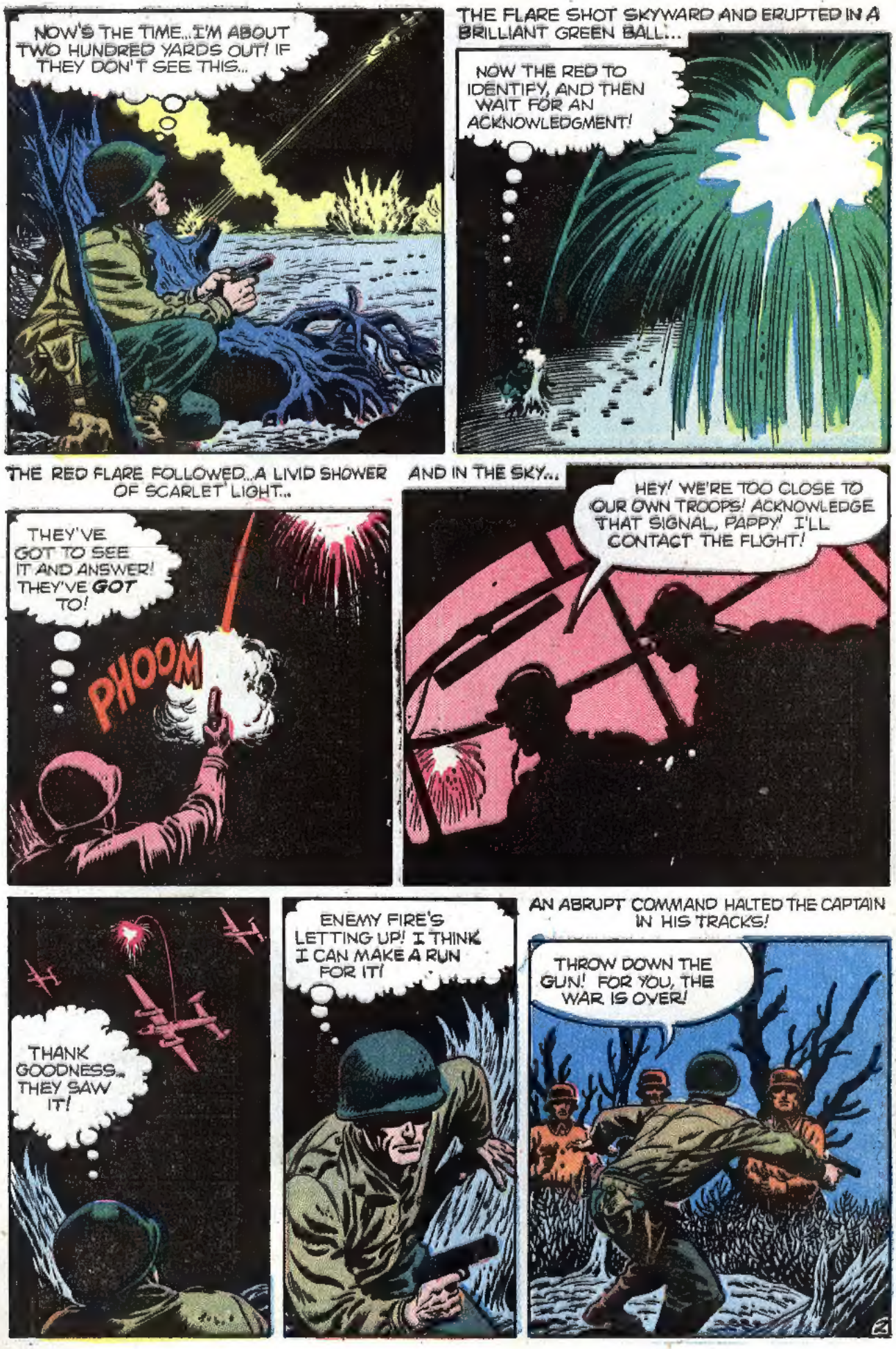

IT WAS A CALCULATED RISK... PERHAPS AN UNNECESSARY ONE, BUT CAPTAIN SAM DILLON TOOK IT! THE YANK PLANES WERE BOMBING TOO CLOSE TO HIS TROOPS! HIS AIR-TO-GROUND CONTACT WAS OUT! SOMEBODY HAD TO SIGNAL THEM OFF, SO CAPTAIN DILLON TOOK THE RISK!
RUSS HEATH
G320

HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT! WHY DOESN'T HE FIRE THE SIGNAL FROM HERE?
HE'D PINPOINT OUR POSITIONS FOR THE JERRIES, IF HE DID! COME ON! GIVE HIM COVERING FIRE!

THEY COVERED HIM WITH EVERYTHING THEY HAD...


NOW'S THE TIME...I'M ABOUT TWO HUNDRED YARDS OUT! IF THEY DON'T SEE THIS...
THE FLARE SHOT SKYWARD AND ERUPTED IN A BRILLIANT GREEN BALL...
NOW THE RED TO IDENTIFY, AND THEN WAIT FOR AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT!
THE RED FLARE FOLLOWED...A LIVID SHOWER OF SCARLET LIGHT...
THEY'VE GOT TO SEE IT AND ANSWER! THEY'VE GOT TO!
PHOOM
AND IN THE SKY...
HEY! WE'RE TOO CLOSE TO OUR OWN TROOPS! ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SIGNAL, PAPPY! I'LL CONTACT THE FLIGHT!
THANK GOODNESS... THEY SAW IT!
ENEMY FIRE'S LETTING UP! I THINK I CAN MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
AN ABRUPT COMMAND HALTED THE CAPTAIN IN HIS TRACKS!
THROW DOWN THE GUN! FOR YOU, THE WAR IS OVER!

LATER...
COME NOW, CAPTAIN...YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO BE STUBBORN!
I TOLD YOU ALL YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN! NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER!
CAPTAIN DILLON, WE ARE IN A TOUGH SPOT HERE! I ADMIT IT! WE HAVE NO TIME TO ESCORT YOU TO SAFETY BEHIND THE LINES! HERE YOU WILL BE IN OUR WAY, SO...
NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER!
TAKE HIM OUT BEHIND OUR LINES AND...
JAWOHL, HERR LEUTNANT!
BLUFF! THE TOUGH TREATMENT FOR BALKY PRISONERS, BUT IT'S BLUFF!
TIME PROVED HIM RIGHT...
THE AMERIKANER PRISONER, HERR COLONEL!
BRING HIM IN! STAND GUARD OUTSIDE, UNTIL I ORDER YOU RELIEVED!
YOU WILL EXCUSE OUR FRONT-LINE LACK OF HOSPITALITY, CAPTAIN! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
I EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER...AND HERE I AM!
LIKE THE FINE CHESS PLAYER YOU ARE, YOU ANTICIPATED OUR MOVE, EH? AHA, YOU SEE, I KNOW ABOUT YOU! I FOLLOWED YOUR GAME AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEET IN LONDON...1939!
I'M FLATTERED!

YOU AND I ARE GOING TO PLAY CHESS, CAPTAIN... A GAME TO DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR...THEORETICALLY SPEAKING, OF COURSE!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THE OUTCOME! OUR PURPOSES ARE OPPOSED.. OUR NATURES! THERE CAN BE NO STALEMATE...NO DRAW!
THEY DREW FOR COLORS..
YOU TAKE THE WHITE.. TYPICAL! FOR MYSELF, I TAKE THE BLACK!
ALSO TYPICAL! LET'S PLAY!
IT WAS MORE THAN A GAME OF CHESS! IT WAS A BATTLE OF IDEAS, TACTICS, STRATEGY, PHILOSOPHY!
STRONG, SURPRISE OPENING GAMBIT! I WAS UNPREPARED! THE WORLD WAS UNPREPARED ALSO, WHEN HITLER STRUCK!
"POLAND CRASHED IN FLAMES! THIRTY-ONE DAYS, AND DISASTER...A NATION AND WASTE.."
"FRANCE, TOO! THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED, STUNNED! BLITZKRIEG WAS PAYING OFF! FOR FRANCE, IT WAS ONLY TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS.."
"TOO LATE FOR BELGIUM! TOO LATE FOR HOLLAND! TOO LATE FOR DENMARK, NORWAY! SURPRISE OPENING GAMBIT, AND THE DEMOCRACIES WERE CAUGHT UNAWARES.."
"IT SHOWED ON THE CHESS BOARD! THE LIGHTNING-LIKE MOVES HAD TO BE COUNTERED! CAPTAIN DILLON'S PIECES WERE SCATTERED, AS YET UNDEFENDED!"
NOT A VERY WISE MOVE, SACRIFICING THE QUEEN'S BISHOP FOR A LOWLY KNIGHT!
FALL INTO IT, NAZI! I'M TRADING SPACE FOR TIME... TIME TO BUILD UP! TIME TO REGROUP AND UNITE MY FORCES!
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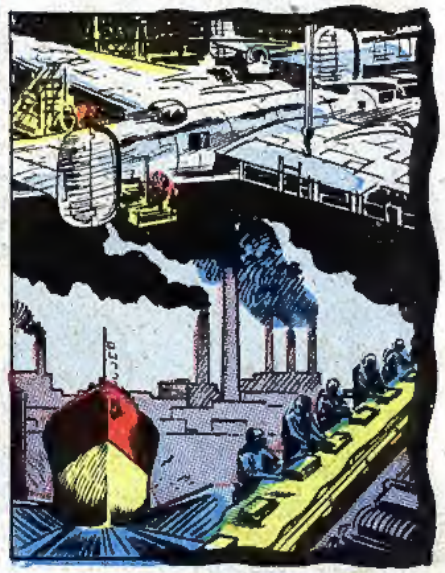
"TIME! THAT'S WHAT WE NEEDED! TIME TO UNITE AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY!"

"TIME FOR SPACE... IN AFRICA!"

"TIME FOR THE VAST MIGHT OF AMERICA TO GO INTO ACTION! TIME FOR PLANES, SHIPS, GUNS..."



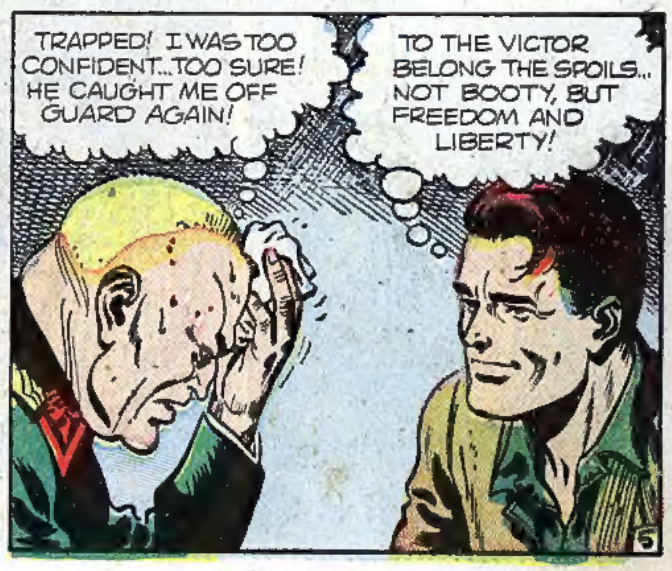
MEANWHILE, ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

CHECK TO MY QUEEN, EH? FROM A WEAK BEGINNING, YOU CONVERT DEFENSE TO OFFENSE! YOU ARE A BRILLIANT PLAYER, CAPTAIN... BUT YOU WILL LOSE!
DEFENSE TO OFFENSE...SICILY, ITALY! YOU'RE SQUEEZED, NAZI! YOU MADE THE SAME MISTAKES ON THE BATTLEFIELD!

THE FOOLS! I DELIBERATELY WEAKENED MY LINES, SO THEIR MAIN FORCE WOULD ATTACK IN THAT SECTOR! NOW OUR SECONDARY LINE WILL FINISH THEM!

THE AMERICAN ATTACK WAS A FEINT WITH WEAK FORCES! THEIR MAIN FORCE HAS SMASHED THROUGH OUR LINES ON THE LEFT FLANK! WE MUST FALL BACK!
A FEINT... A DIVERSION? IT IS THEY. WHO WILL FINISH US!

NOW THE COLONEL PLAYED MORE CAUTIOUSLY! EACH MOVE OF THE WHITES FORCED HIM INTO A MORE PRECARIOUS DEFENSE...


TRAPPED! I WAS TOO CONFIDENT...TOO SURE! HE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD AGAIN!
TO THE VICTOR BELONG THE SPOILS... NOT BOOTY, BUT FREEDOM AND LIBERTY!

"REMEMBER THAT TANK TRAP NEAR ROUEN? REMEMBER THE FORK IN THE ROAD?"

S-2 REPORTED THE PANZERS DOWN THIS *RIGHT* FORK, BUT MAYBE THEY MOVED! MAYBE THEY'RE DOWN THE *LEFT!*

WE'LL HIT THE RIGHT FORK, BECAUSE THEY'RE EXPECTING US DOWN THE LEFT ONE! THAT LEFT FORK IS A NATURAL FOR A TRAP! LET'S GO!

"IT WORKED, TOO! THEY HAD THEIR TANKS SWIVELED TO COVER THAT *LEFT* ROAD! THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT THEM!"

"REMEMBER THE FOREST NEAR MALMEDY? REMEMBER HOW YOU ENCIRCLED IT, THINKING WE WERE TRAPPED INSIDE? WHEN YOU GOT THERE, IT WAS *YOU* WHO WERE TRAPPED."

IT WAS DAWN NOW! EACH MOVE WAS A CAREFULLY THOUGHT-OUT STRATEGY... FOUR, FIVE, SIX MOVES AHEAD OF THE ENEMY...

IS THIS THE END? NO! IT CANNOT BE! WAIT! I HAVE A WAY OUT! DOES HE SEE IT? *NO!* IT IS *NOT* A WAY OUT! IT IS *ANOTHER TRAP!*

YOU'RE FINISHED, COLONEL! AND SO IS YOUR WAY OF LIFE—FINISHED!

I'M GOING OUT THE DOOR, COLONEL! I'M CONFIDENT THAT I'LL SEE AMERICAN SOLDIERS SWARMING OVER THIS POSITION!

CAPTAIN SAM DILLON HAD ONLY TO OPEN THE DOOR! HE SAW THE G.I.'S...HEARD THEIR SHOUTS!

IT WAS FINISHED...ENDED! THE CAPTAIN HAD BEEN RIGHT! THERE COULD BE NO DRAW...NO STALEMATE! THERE COULD BE ONLY ONE ENDING...AN AMERICAN VICTORY!

THE END

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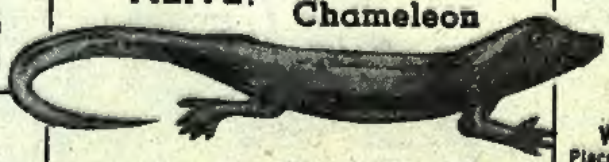

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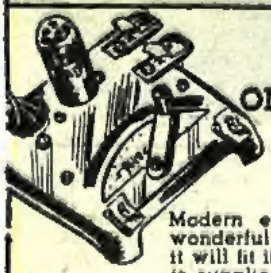

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THIS IS THE ITALIAN FRONT! GERMANY'S ALLY, AUSTRIA, HAD LAUNCHED HER GERMAN-EQUIPPED LEGIONS ACROSS THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, PUSHING THE ITALIAN ARMIES BACKWARD! BOCHE BIG GUNS ROARED DAY AND NIGHT!

THE BIG GUNS ROAR!

AYERS G-215

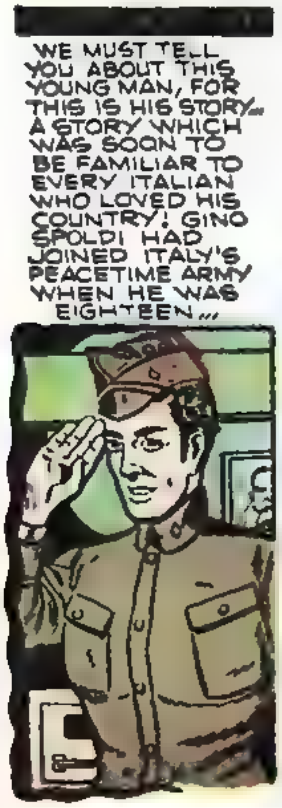
TOWN AFTER TOWN WAS GIVEN UP BY THE ITALIAN ARMY, AS AUSTRIAN ARMS MOVED FORWARD! TO AN ANXIOUS WORLD FIGHTING AGAINST TEUTONIC AGGRESSION, IT SEEMED THAT ITALY WAS LOST...

THAT TOWN... I WAS BORN THERE! NOW IT IS NO MORE! HOW MUCH FURTHER CAN WE RETREAT?
WE CANNOT STAND AGAINST THEIR BIG GUNS, UNTIL WE GET SOME OF OUR OWN! THIS IS LIKE FIGHTING AN ELEPHANT WITH A SLINGSHOT!

THE AUSTRIANS DUG IN TO AWAIT SUPPLIES, AND THE ITALIANS HAD THEIR MOMENT OF RESPITE...
HALT! WE DIG IN HERE! WE MAKE A STAND! OUR BIG GUNS ARE COMING UP!

YES, THE ARTILLERY WAS FINALLY ON THE MOVE! FRENCH 75'S, SENT BY ITALY'S ALLY... KRUPP HOWITZERS, AND SIEGE GUNS ... THE BIG FELLOWS....

AND WITH THE BIG GUNS CAME A YOUNG MAN, LIEUTENANT GINO SPOLDI ...
TAKE CARE! BE CAREFUL OF MY BEAUTIES!


WE MUST TELL YOU ABOUT THIS YOUNG MAN, FOR THIS IS HIS STORY... A STORY WHICH WAS SOON TO BE FAMILIAR TO EVERY ITALIAN WHO LOVED HIS COUNTRY! GINO SPOLDI HAD JOINED ITALY'S PEACETIME ARMY WHEN HE WAS EIGHTEEN...

HE WAS A SENSITIVE BOY, NOT QUITE THE TYPE ONE PICTURES IN UNIFORM! BUT HIS FASCINATION WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ARTILLERY SOON LED HIM TO THIS SPECIALIZED ARM OF THE FORCES...

HE LOVED THE PROBLEMS OF RANGE, WIND SHIFT, VELOCITY! TO HIM, IT WAS ROMANCE, AND HIS DEVOTION TO HIS WORK BROUGHT RAPID PROMOTION!

THEN, IN 1914, THE GRAY HORDES OF THE KAISER STRUCK ...

THEN AUSTRIA ATTACKED ITALY WITH MODERN ARMS! GINO SPOLDI, THEN A LIEUTENANT OF ARTILLERY, FOUND HIMSELF AND HIS BELOVED BIG GUNS GOING TO WAR...

THESE ARE NOT STICKS OF WOOD! THEY ARE FINE PRECISION INSTRUMENTS!

SO FASCINATED HAD HE ALWAYS BEEN BY THE MECHANICS OF HIS PROFESSION, THAT HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF IT IN RELATION TO THE GRIM REALITY OF WAR...

REPORTING ARTILLERY IN POSITION! AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS! RANGE... REPEAT PLEASE! 20400! YES, GO ON...

BEHIND THE ACTUAL FIGHTING LINES, REMOTE FROM THE ACTUAL TOUCH OF WAR, LIEUTENANT SPOLDI COMMANDED HIS BATTERY, AND THOUGH HE WAS TAKING PART IN HIS COUNTRY'S DEFENSE, HE WAS TOO ENGROSSED IN ARTILLERY MECHANICS TO REALIZE IT...

WE ARE SLIGHTLY OFF! RAISE TWO POINT FOUR!

BUT HIS SHELLS SMASHED THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS FROM THE LITTLE TOWN OF TELANNO, AS ACCURATE SALVOS ZEROED IN!

FIRE!

MESSAGE FROM H.Q. FOR LIEUTENANT SPOLDI!

DISMOUNT THE GUNS! WE MOVE FORWARD!

GOOD WORK, LIEUTENANT! THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF THEIR POSITION! WE WILL MOVE IN AND OCCUPY IT! YOU WILL SET UP YOUR ARTILLERY, WHILE THE INFANTRY MOVES AHEAD! THIS IS THE *FIRST* TIME WE HAVE PUSHED THE AUSTRIANS BACK!

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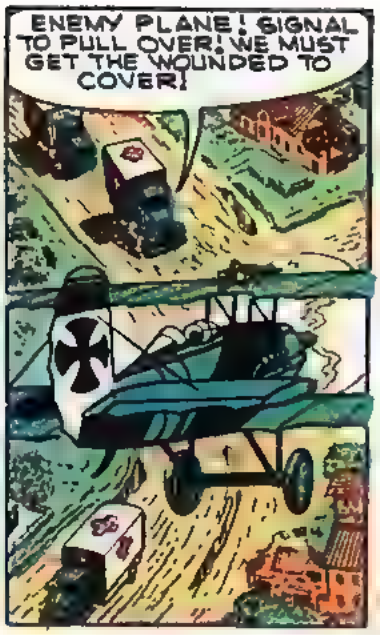
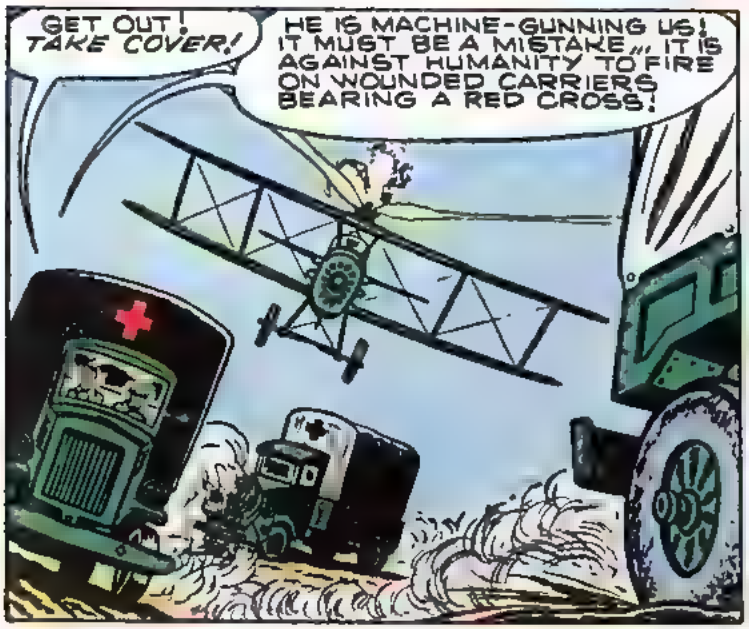
SO SPOLDI AND HIS BIG GUNS MOVED INTO TELANNO
THIS TOWN... I KNOW IT WELL! I CAME HERE SEVERAL TIMES ON VACATION! IT WAS SUCH A NICE TOWN, WITH FLOWERS, AND SIMPLE PEOPLE...
WITH YOU TO SIGHT THEM, OUR BIG GUNS REALLY LAID IT FLAT!
MIXED EMOTIONS MOUNTED IN LIEUTENANT SPOLDI, AS HE VIEWED THE DESTRUCTION HIS BIG GUNS HAD WROUGHT...
THIS, I HAVE DONE!
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE MECHANICS OF ARTILLERY WARFARE WERE FORGOTTEN, AND THE TRUTH OF WAR CAME HOME TO GINO SPOLDI...
THIS TOO?
I NEVER THOUGHT... IT WAS ALL SO ABSORBING... EXCITING! BUT THIS... THE END RESULT! I CANNOT FACE IT!
MEDIC! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO LIEUTENANT SPOLDI!
IN THAT MOMENT, HE HATED THE GUNS HE HAD LOVED...
SHOCK! HE IS THROUGH! I'LL TAKE HIM BACK!
THEN THE AUSTRIAN ARTILLERY FOUND THE RANGE OF TELANNO...
LIEUTENANT, THE AUSTRIANS ARE ZEROED IN ON US! WE NEED YOU! ONLY YOU CAN SIGHT THE BIG GUNS AS THEY SHOULD BE!
LEAVE ME ALONE! I CAN'T STAND THE SOUND OF THOSE GUNS!
COME!

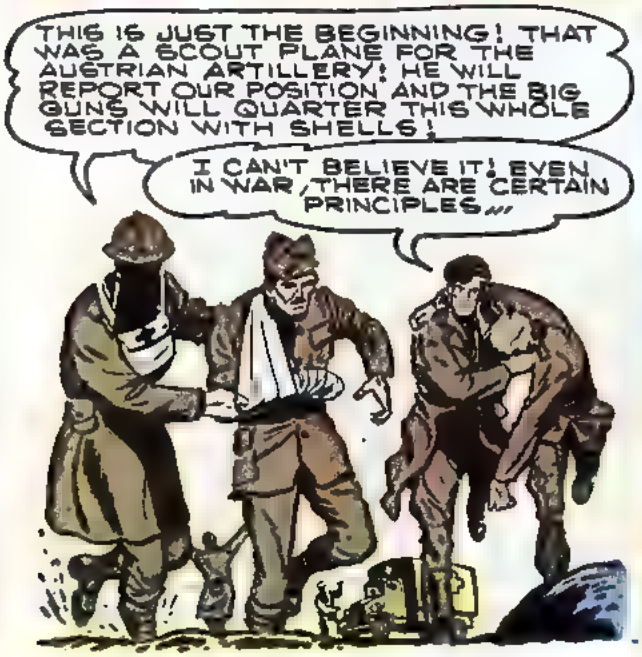
HE LEAVES US WHEN WE NEED HIM THE MOST!

BUT SPOLDI DIDN'T HEAR ... NEITHER DID HE SEE ANYTHING! THERE WAS ONLY THE FEELINGS IN HIS HEART, AS THE TRUCK BOUNCED OVER THE ROAD...


ENEMY PLANE! SIGNAL TO PULL OVER! WE MUST GET THE WOUNDED TO COVER!


GET OUT! TAKE COVER!
HE IS MACHINE-GUNNING US! IT MUST BE A MISTAKE... IT IS AGAINST HUMANITY TO FIRE ON WOUNDED CARRIERS BEARING A RED CROSS!

IT'S NO MISTAKE! THEY DO IT EVERY TIME! QUICKLY, HELP ME GET THE WOUNDED TO COVER!
BUT HE IS GONE NOW!


THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING! THAT WAS A SCOUT PLANE FOR THE AUSTRIAN ARTILLERY! HE WILL REPORT OUR POSITION AND THE BIG GUNS WILL QUARTER THIS WHOLE SECTION WITH SHELLS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! EVEN IN WAR, THERE ARE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES...

GET DOWN! HERE THEY COME! DON'T BE A FOOL, MAN!
IT'S TRUE! THEY DON'T CARE! THEY ARE SHELLING US, KNOWING WE ARE THE WOUNDED!

SUDDENLY, IN THAT MOMENT, SPOLDI'S EMOTIONS CHANGED! NOW HE WAS ANGRY!

COME BACK!

HE LEAPED TO THE CAB OF THE TRUCK! HE TURNED IT, AND IT LURCHED AWAY, BACK TOWARD TELANNO!

BACK TO HIS BIG GUNS...

LIEUTENANT! BUT I THOUGHT...

NEVER MIND WHAT YOU THOUGHT! GET ME THE RANGE... HURRY!

HE WAS NO LONGER IN A STATE OF SHOCK... HE HAD BEEN CURED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAS WAR AGAINST A RUTHLESS ENEMY, NOT A PROBLEM IN MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION!

RANGE, 4000! ELEVATE THREE POINTS! STAND BY TO FIRE! NOW MY BIG GUNS WILL SPEAK TO YOU IN THE ONLY LANGUAGE YOU UNDERSTAND!

FIRE!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT, LIEUTENANT SPOLDI NEVER LEFT HIS GUNS, AS THE ARTILLERY DUEL WENT ON...

FIRE!

HIS BIG GUNS ROARED AND DESTROYED THE ENEMY ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND DEFENSES, AND OPENED THE WAY FOR THE FIRST MAJOR ITALIAN VICTORY AT MONFALCONE! NO, ITALY WILL NOT FORGET LIEUTENANT OF ARTILLERY GINO SPOLDI AND HIS DRAMATIC STORY!

THE END

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RETIRED Colonel Henry (Hank) Colewell, in World Wars One and Two Intelligence, and Code expert attached to G-2, lit his pipe carefully, leaned back in the comfortable old chair in front of the fire and cocked an eye at his son.

"I'll be glad to come, Joe," he said, replying to an invitation his son had relayed to him.

Joe Colewell, newly-created second lieutenant in the Army of the United States, smiled and nodded. He sat down beside his father and gazed into the roaring fireplace.

"They think a lot of you down at the training school, pop," he said. "Of course, they've heard all about your exploits in Italy during the last war."

"Sounds to me like you've been a one-man publicity bureau for your old dad, son," Hank Colewell said reprovingly, but his voice vibrated a little with fatherly pride. The colonel chuckled. "I'd hoped for a little rest, Joe." He sighed. "It's been a long strain, Joe, a heavy strain. You know as well as I do, I'd have gotten out to more of the graduation ceremonies down at the code school, but I've just been tired out." Then he brightened. "But I'll come, this time."

"Swell, pop!" His son said. "They've been worrying about you down there. Major Swenson said you were the ace code cracker they had over in Italy."

"He did, eh?" Hank Colewell said. "*He* was a good one, himself!"

His son laughed.

"Yep, everybody thinks you're tops . . . that's why they want you at the graduation ceremonies." He looked up as his mother, Mrs. Colewell opened the screen door leading from the kitchen, came down the passage into the big living room.

"Joe," she said, "your friend Rade Markell's at the door. Better let him in . . . I'm doing dishes."

Joe Colewell jumped up and disappeared down the corridor to the long foyer hall. A moment later, he came back with a uniformed first lieutenant, his buddy, Rade Markell. Joe introduced Rade to his father and then both buddies sat down.

"I've heard of you, Colonel," Rade Markell said respectfully. "In fact, at the code school you're thought of aces high. They use your books almost like textbooks."

"I'm glad to hear that, lieutenant," Hank Colewell said. "Code-cracking's been my life. And if I've had any success at it, it's always because I take nothing for granted."

Rade Markell shook his head. His manner was still respectful, but it was plain he didn't agree with the master code-cracker.

"It's hard to disagree with an expert like you, sir, but codes today are pretty cut and dried. Why, sometimes we don't even have to decipher them ourselves. We've got machines to do part of the work."

Hank Colewell tamped the tobacco down in his pipe, lit it again thoughtfully and smiled.

"Son," he said, "there's an old saying in the world's wisdom, and when it applies to work like yours and mine, it goes something like this . . ."

"I know, Colonel," Rade Markell said promptly. "'What the mind of man can put in code, the mind of another man can unravel.' I believe that too, sir, just like you do!"

Again Hank Colewell smiled.

"Well, I *don't* necessarily believe it!" he said.

Lieutenant Markell stared at him in astonishment.

"But that's the whole foundation of the theory of code!" he protested.

"I know it is," Joe's father went on. "But, like all theories, it needs a few exceptions, under special conditions. That's why I said I take nothing for granted."

Rade spluttered again. "But Colonel! You can't mean what you say. If a man puts something into code, it's inevitable that some *other* man can crack that code. It's always happened!"

Ex-Colonel Colewell chuckled.

"There's always a first possibility for failure," he pointed out.

"The first time that theory fails, we might as well give up code-cracking, sir," Markell said firmly.

"That's another place where you're wrong," Colewell said. "If the theory failed, we'd have to buckle down harder. And, what's even more important, keep our eyes open a lot wider."

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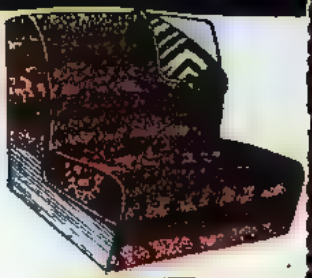

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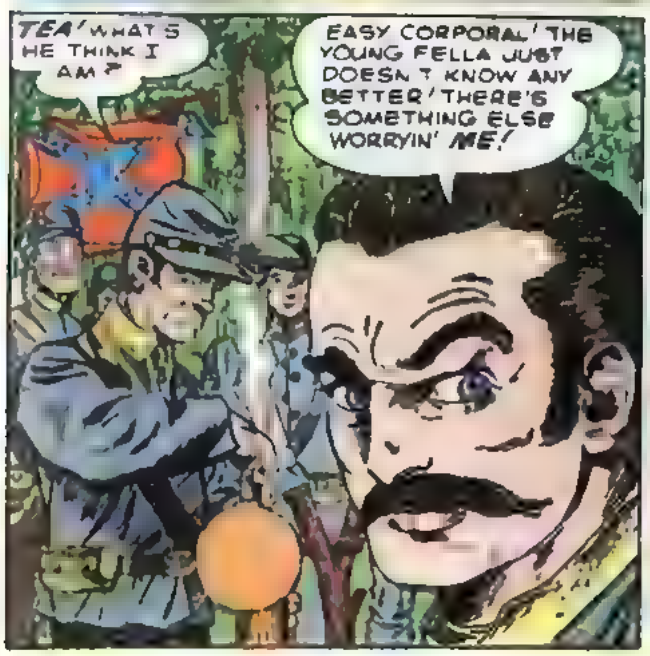
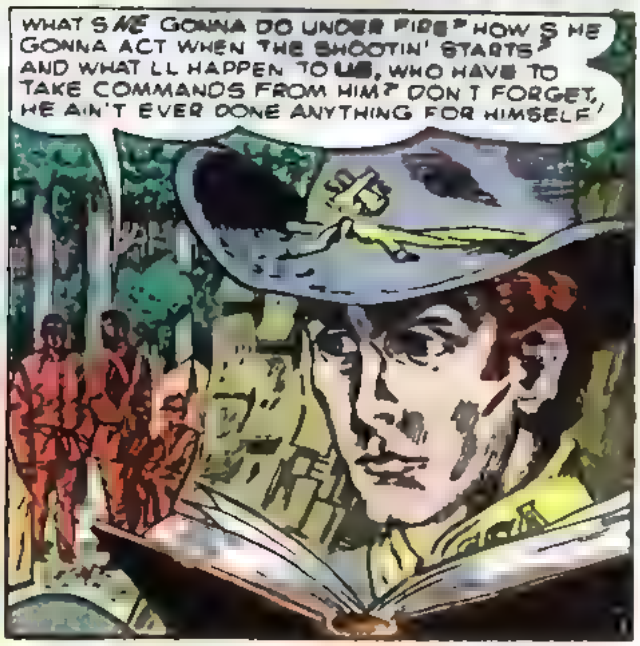
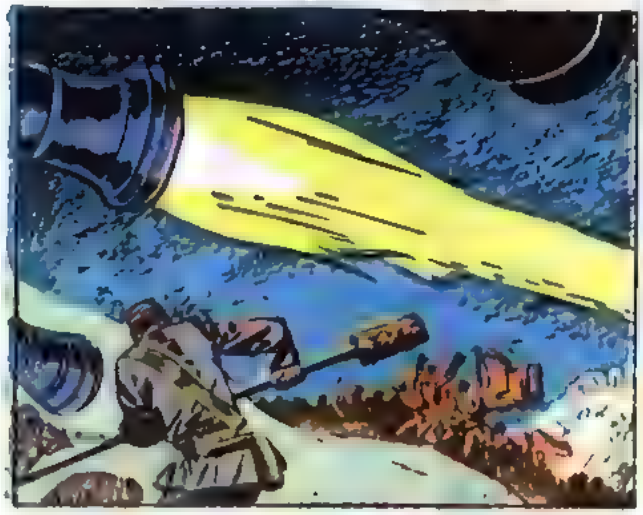
HE SAW HIS DUTY!

YOUNG LARRY COBB? SURE, I KNEW HIM BACK HOME! HE WON'T LAST A WEEK IN THIS WAR!
SORT OF A YOUNG GENTLEMAN, REARED IN THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, EH? RICH AND SPOILED... AND WE'VE GOT *HIM* FOR A LIEUTENANT!
I'LL HAVE SOME TEA, PLEASE, CORPORAL!
UH? ER YES, SIR!

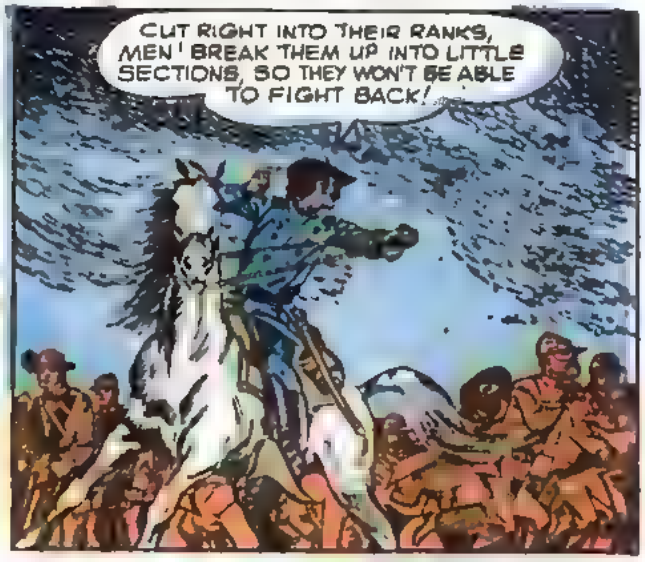



WHAT'S *ME* GONNA DO UNDER FIRE? HOW'S HE GONNA ACT WHEN THE SHOOTIN' STARTS? AND WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO *US*, WHO HAVE TO TAKE COMMANDS FROM HIM? DON'T FORGET, HE AIN'T EVER DONE ANYTHING FOR HIMSELF!

SO MEN PASSED THE TIME, WHILE TRYING TO KEEP THEIR MINDS AWAY FROM THE EVENTS THAT WERE HAPPENING ONLY A FEW MILES OFF, WHERE THE HEAVIEST GUNS OF THE NORTH WERE UNLOOSED AGAINST THE CONFEDERACY..



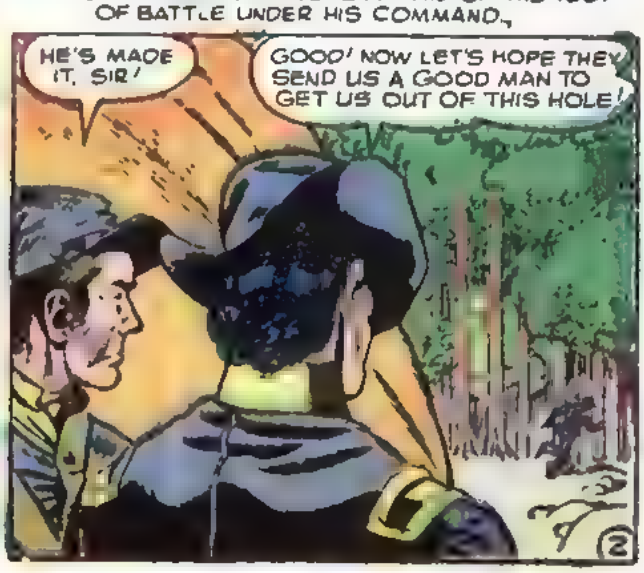
AND WHILE THEY SIPPED TEA, CLEANED RIFLES, READ BOOKS, A CHARGE WAS BEING MADE UPON ONE OF THEIR STRONGHOLDS..



LOOK! THEY DON'T SEE US! THEY'RE TURNIN' AWAY!
LAY LOW, MEN! MAYBE WE'LL FIGHT OUR WAY OUT OF THIS YET!
CAN'T, SIR! OUTA AMMUNITION! WE'RE TRAPPED!

THEY'RE STILL FIGHTIN' OUT THERE AND WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT OUT IN A BODY! WE NEED HELP! JASPER, THINK YOU CAN GET OUT?
AN GIT HELP? YESSIR! KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED, BOYS!

AND SO, HERE ON THIS BATTLEFIELD, EVENTS SHAPED UP TO INVOLVE LIEUTENANT LARRY COBB AND THE MEN UNDER HIM WHO WERE AFRAID OF THE TEST OF BATTLE UNDER HIS COMMAND..



SO NOW WE'VE SEEN TWO SIDES OF THE STORY! LET'S LOOK AT THE THIRD... THE MOST IMPORTANT SIDE, FOR OUR PURPOSES...
I SURE HOPE I STAY LUCKY AND KEEP OUT OF ANYTHING IMPORTANT! I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING! I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW! AND THE MEN KNOW IT! LOOK AT THE WAY THEY LOOK AT ME!
IF SOMETHING DID COME UP, I'D HAVE TO DEPEND ON THEM, THE SAME WAY I'VE BEEN USED TO DEPENDING ON OTHERS!
LIEUTENANT COBB! GET OVER HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN, IF YOU PLEASE!
YES, SIR!
THIS MAN REPORTS HIS COMPANY'S TRAPPED AND CUT OFF IN A BATTLE EAST OF HERE! THEY NEED HELP! LIEUTENANT, TAKE YOUR SQUAD AND GIVE 'EM THAT HELP!
ER. YES, SIR! BUT HOW?
THAT'S UP TO YOU! YOU'RE A SOUTHERNER AND A SOLDIER, SO YOU KNOW BEST WHAT TO DO! THE POINT IS GET THE TRAPPED MEN OUT OF THERE! THAT'S ALL!
YES SIR
A GROUP OF MEN, UNSURE OF THEIR COMMANDER, LED BY AN OFFICER UNSURE OF HIMSELF, AND WHO HAD NEVER DONE ANYTHING FOR HIMSELF! ON THIS MAN NOW THERE DEPENDED THE LIVES OF TWO SQUADS OF SOLDIERS...
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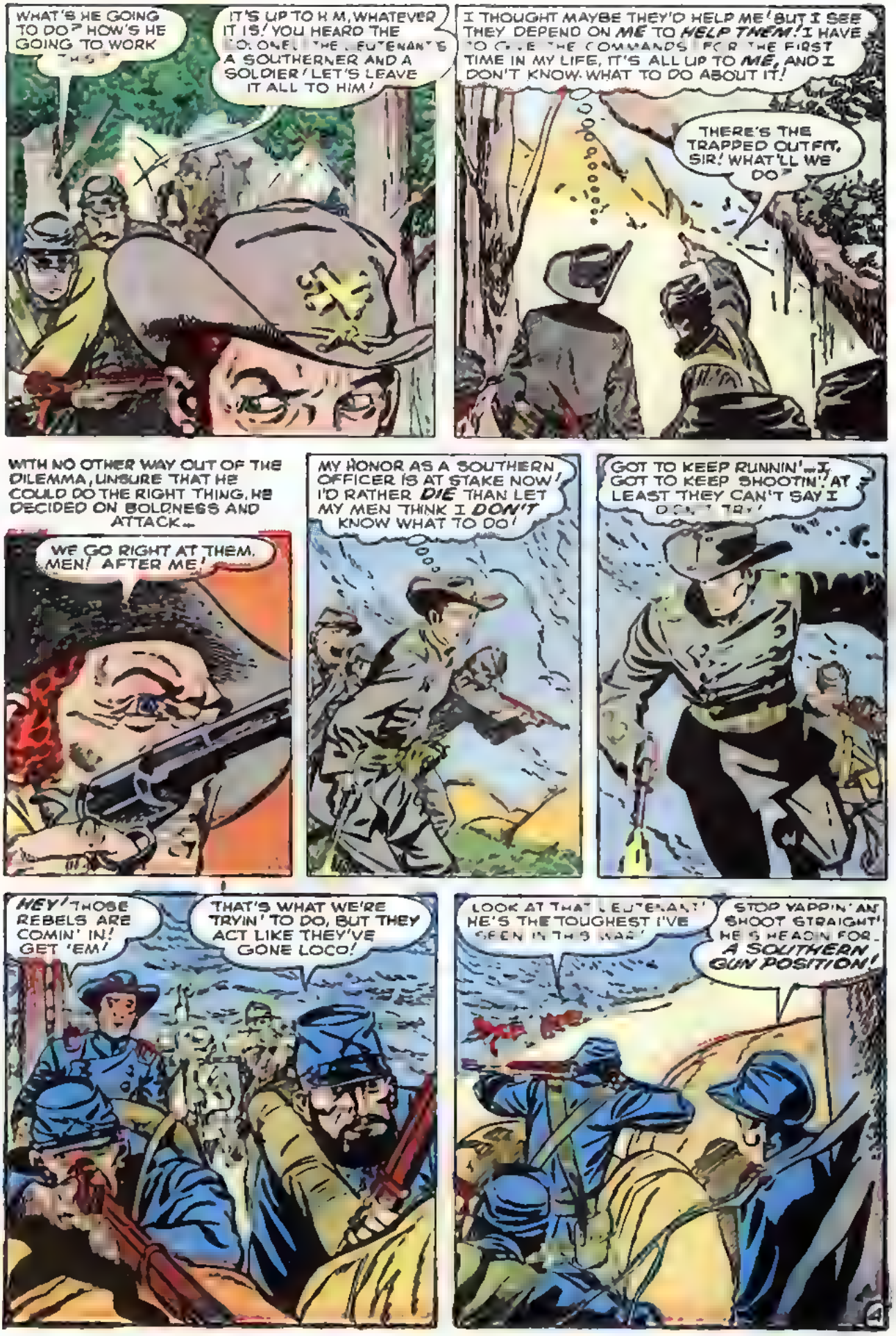
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO? HOW'S HE GOING TO WORK THIS?
IT'S UP TO HIM, WHATEVER IT IS! YOU HEARD THE COLONEL! THE LIEUTENANT'S A SOUTHERNER AND A SOLDIER! LET'S LEAVE IT ALL TO HIM!
I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY'D HELP ME! BUT I SEE THEY DEPEND ON ME TO HELP THEM! I HAVE TO GIVE THE COMMANDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, IT'S ALL UP TO ME, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT!
THERE'S THE TRAPPED OUTFIT, SIR! WHAT'LL WE DO?
WITH NO OTHER WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA, UNSURE THAT HE COULD DO THE RIGHT THING, HE DECIDED ON BOLDNESS AND ATTACK...
WE GO RIGHT AT THEM, MEN! AFTER ME!
MY HONOR AS A SOUTHERN OFFICER IS AT STAKE NOW! I'D RATHER DIE THAN LET MY MEN THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
GOT TO KEEP RUNNIN'—I GOT TO KEEP SHOOTIN'! AT LEAST THEY CAN'T SAY I DON'T TRY!
HEY! THOSE REBELS ARE COMIN' IN! GET 'EM!
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYIN' TO DO, BUT THEY ACT LIKE THEY'VE GONE LOCO!
LOOK AT THAT LIEUTENANT! HE'S THE TOUGHEST I'VE SEEN IN THIS WAR!
STOP YAPPIN' AN' SHOOT STRAIGHT! HE'S HEADIN' FOR A SOUTHERN GUN POSITION!

I'M GLAD YOU GOT HERE, LIEUTENANT! I WAS HOPING THEY'D SEND A GOOD MAN! THEY SENT THE BEST!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, SIR BUT YOU CAN SAY THAT WHEN WE GET BACK.. IF WE GET BACK!
I'VE BEEN LUCKY! MAYBE THE YANKEES DON'T SHOOT SO STRAIGHT... BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP MISSING! I CAN'T STAY LUCKY!
I GOT A BEAD ON THAT LIEUTENANT!
HOLD IT, MIKE!
WHAT?
I SAID HOLD IT! ANYBODY WHO FIGHTS THAT HARD FOR HIS BUDDIES, DESERVES A CHANCE! LET'S GIVE IT TO HIM!
YOU BETCHA!
WE MADE IT, LIEUTENANT! WE MADE IT!
LOOKS LIKE IT, DOESN'T IT, SIR?
I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT! YOU SHOULD HAVE STOLEN UP TO US, HIDDEN FROM THE ENEMY. BUT INSTEAD YOU PULLED A BOLD ATTACK! THOSE WERE GREAT TACTICS, LIEUTENANT!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO! YOU SEE, I NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR MYSELF BEFORE! EVEN MY OWN MEN KNOW THAT!
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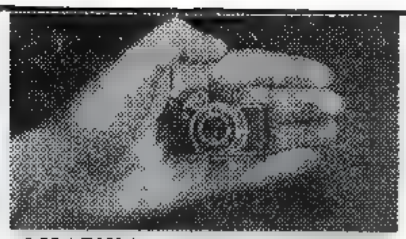

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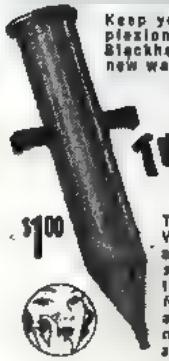

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not ever!" Markell said firmly.

"All right!" Colewell's eyes narrowed mischievously. "You hold demonstrations before the graduation exercises, don't you? Realistic, staged demonstrations to show the work of the students?" And when Markell nodded, he continued: "Okay, son, I'll walk in and be the subject of your main demonstration at code-cracking. I'll be carrying a code *nobody* could crack! Not unless they're particularly sharp-eyed, anyway . . . and I don't think *you'll* be!"

On the evening of the graduation exercises, Joe Colewell drove his father to the code school grounds. Hank Colewell was welcomed heartily by his old associates, most of whom were now teachers. A large crowd of friends and relatives of the graduates-to-be had gathered and were being conducted around the school, being shown the elementary aspects of code and some of its history. They were shown how in ancient Greek and Roman days a slave's head would be shaved, tattooed with a message, after which the hair would be allowed to grow. Then the slave would be sent to his distant destination, after which his head would be shaved and the code message read and then deciphered. They were shown some of the early attempts at writing with cords, such as the Incan knotted-string writing, consisting of strings knotted at irregular intervals. Thousand-year-old number-letter transposition systems were illustrated, and most of the crowd present were astonished to find that even thousands of years ago, men had invented highly intricate and subtle systems of code.

Finally, the series of demonstrations began in the hall where the graduates were to be given their diplomas. These were conducted realistically, showing code experts in action. Hank Colewell's participation had already been arranged for in the concluding demonstration, and many of his old colleagues were on hand to see him prove his contention he had made to Rade Markell.

Lieutenant Markell was in charge of the final demonstration.

The entire audience was seated and attentive, as the curtains

drew back on the stage. Abruptly, Colonel Hank Colewell, dressed in mufti, appeared on the stage, part of which simulated a street, another part of which resembled an actual laboratory of the code experts. Colewell, playing the part of a suspected spy, was arrested and taken to the laboratory. There, Rade Markell searched him, removing all the papers from his pockets. He immediately selected one marked sheet and sat down in consultation with his assistants.

Minutes passed.

The audience grew restive. Markell and his lieutenants were not expected to unravel the entire code, just find the key to cracking it. Finally, in a huddle, they began nodding and shaking their heads. Then Rade Markell stood up. Smiling, he walked over to Colonel Hank Colewell. "Colonel," he said, "you win. That code's uncrackable by any test we could give it. How did you do it?"

Hank Colewell smiled, including both Rade Markell and the audience in the smile. "That *wasn't* a code at all, son," he said. "You couldn't crack it, because it was just nonsense."

"But you promised to bring a *real* code, Colonel!" Rade cried.

"And so I did," Colewell said. He pointed to the desk where his other papers lay. "It's in one of those old envelopes I had in my pocket. But you weren't looking for anything except something that *looked* like a code. It's perfectly *true* that what one man had encoded, another man can decipher, but he *can't* decipher it, unless he has that code in his hands. And you never even bothered to get the code in your hands. That's what I meant when I said I didn't necessarily believe a code could be cracked . . . you *can't* crack what you haven't got. And that's also what I meant when I said you'd have to be particularly sharp-eyed. You thought I meant in cracking the code, but what I really meant was the important thing . . . *getting your hands on the code.* I repeat . . . you can't crack a code, unless you have a sample of it." He smiled at Rade Markell, and then Markell smiled back and both shook hands to applause. "You see, son," Colewell continued, "even with established facts and theories, you just *can't* take anything for granted!"

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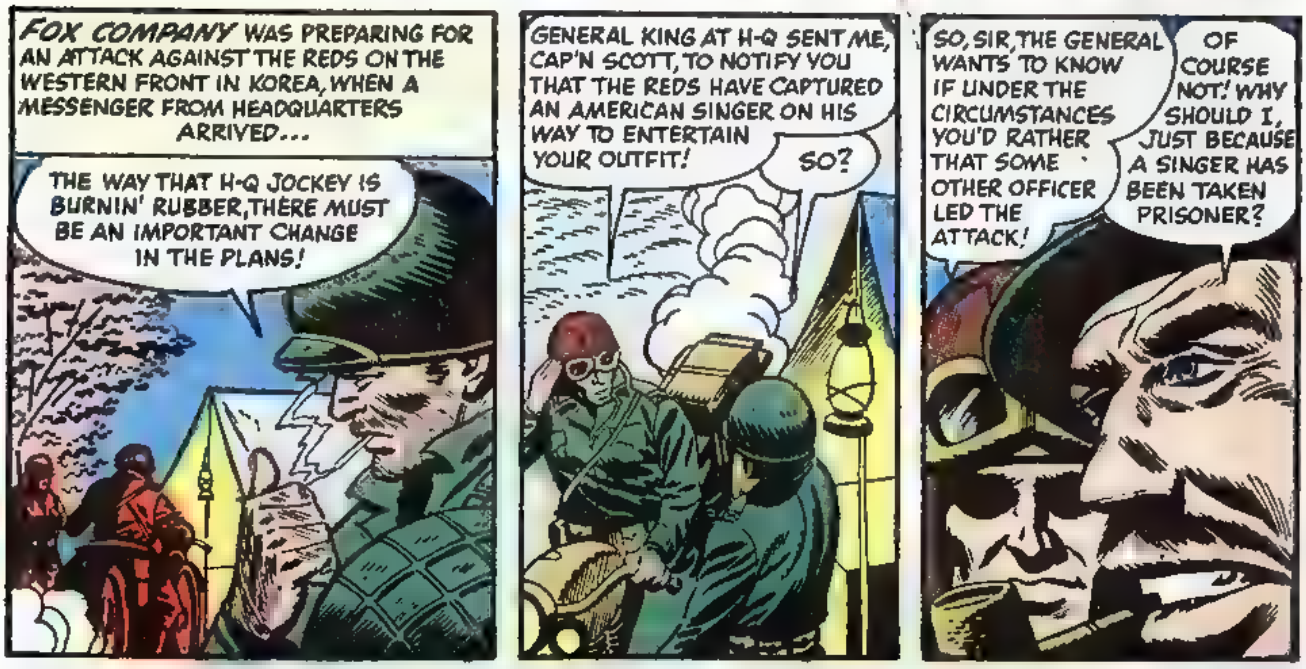
The CAPTIVE of SO YAN SEN!


FOX COMPANY WAS PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST THE REDS ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN KOREA, WHEN A MESSENGER FROM HEADQUARTERS ARRIVED...
THE WAY THAT H-Q JOCKEY IS BURNIN' RUBBER, THERE MUST BE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE PLANS!
GENERAL KING AT H-Q SENT ME, CAP'N SCOTT, TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE REDS HAVE CAPTURED AN AMERICAN SINGER ON HIS WAY TO ENTERTAIN YOUR OUTFIT!
SO?
SO, SIR, THE GENERAL WANTS TO KNOW IF UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU'D RATHER THAT SOME OTHER OFFICER LED THE ATTACK!
OF COURSE NOT! WHY SHOULD I, JUST BECAUSE A SINGER HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER?

DO YOU KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, CORPORAL?
YES, SIR! WHEN YOUR SON GOT TO H-Q, THE SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER TOLD HIM HE'D HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THIS ATTACK TO COME TO THE LINE TO ENTERTAIN YOUR COMPANY!
"BUT WHEN YOUR SON HEARD THAT IT WAS YOUR OUTFIT AND HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE THEY'D HAD ANY KIND OF A SHOW, HE HOPPED A JEEP AND TOOK OFF FOR HERE..."
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS, JIMMY! YOU DON'T KNOW THE WAY AND THERE ARE RED GUERRILLAS IN THE AREA!
THIS JEEP'S BEEN UP FRONT SO OFTEN, IT'LL FIND THE WAY BY ITSELF! AND IF THE GUERRILLAS TRY TO STOP ME, I'LL SING AND SHATTER 'EM!
USO
"YOUR SON DIDN'T GET LOST, SIR, BUT ABOUT A MILE FROM HERE, HE GOT AMBUSHED BY COMMIE GUERRILLAS..."
GET YONKEE ALIVE!
"FOR A LI'L GUY, CAP'N, HE SURE KNEW HOW TO USE HIS HANDS..."
"BUT HE COULDN'T WIN AGAINST TEN-TO-ONE ODDS, SIR..."
NOW YOU ARE CAPTIVE OF SO YAN SEN!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THE DETAILS, CORPORAL? DID SOMEONE SEE THE AMBUSH AND FIGHT?
YES, SIR! THE FOUR RED PRISONERS WE FOUND AT THE SPOT SLEEPIN' OFF YOUR BOY'S PUNCHES!
NOW, WHAT SHALL I TELL GENERAL KING, SIR?
TELL HIM I SAID THANKS FOR HIS CONSIDERATION... BUT THAT I WILL JUMP OFF THE ATTACK AT DAWN, AS PLANNED!
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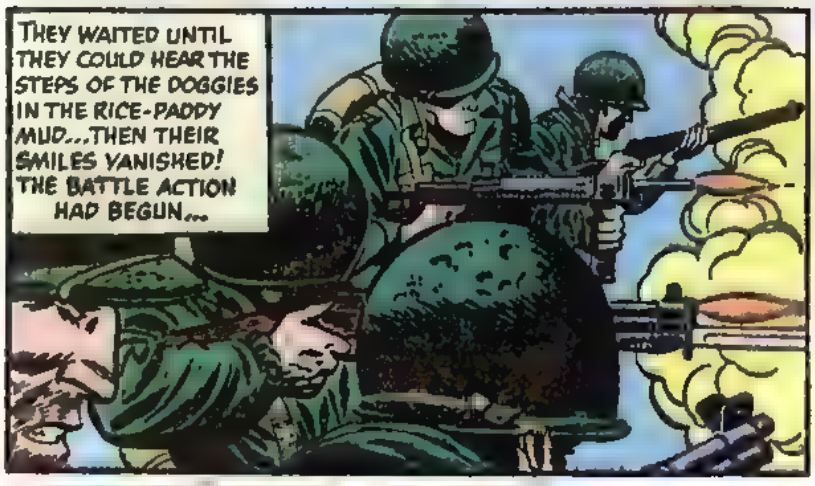
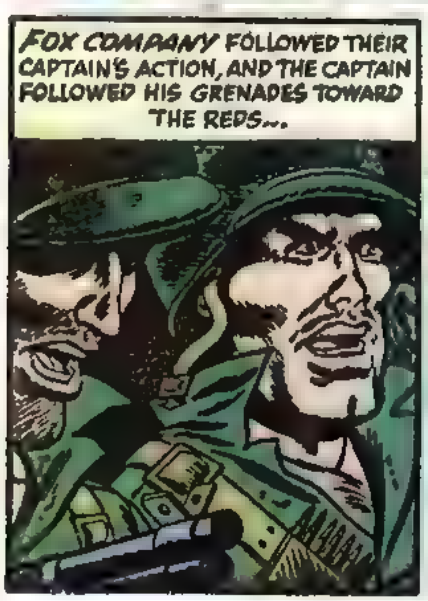
AND WHEN DAWN CAME, CAPTAIN SCOTT'S FOX COMPANY MOVED ACROSS THE RICE PADDIES LIKE AN OLIVE-GREEN WALL STUDDED WITH GARANDS...

THE REDS SMILED OVER THE NOSES OF THEIR MAXIM MACHINE GUNS AND THEIR GUNO RIFLES AS THEY WATCHED THE FOX COMPANY LINE APPROACH, AND THEY WAITED SILENTLY WITH THEIR TRIGGER FINGERS AS CROOKED AS THEIR SMILES...


THEY WAITED UNTIL THEY COULD HEAR THE STEPS OF THE DOGGIES IN THE RICE-PADDY MUD...THEN THEIR SMILES VANISHED! THE BATTLE ACTION HAD BEGUN...

KNOCK OUT THOSE M.G.S FIRST, DOGGIES! GIVE 'EM GRENADES!


FOX COMPANY FOLLOWED THEIR CAPTAIN'S ACTION, AND THE CAPTAIN FOLLOWED HIS GRENADES TOWARD THE REDS...

CAPTAIN SCOTT CLOSED IN THROUGH THE HOLES MADE BY THE GRENADES, AND HIS .45 PISTOL BECAME A RAMROD AGAINST THE REDS...

THE COMMIES FELT THE FURY OF A CAPTAIN FIGHTING FOR HIS COUNTRY AND A FATHER FIGHTING FOR HIS SON...

FOX COMPANY SLAMMED THE REDS BACK WITH A FORCE NEITHER THE COMMIES NOR THE DOGGIES KNEW WAS POSSIBLE! THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR CAPTAIN...

FOR THREE DAYS, THE REDS REELED BACK UNDER FOX COMPANY'S IMPACT! THE DOGGIES DID AS THEIR CAPTAIN DID, AND THE CAPTAIN FOUGHT AS IF EVERY RED WAS THE GUERRILLA LEADER, SO YAN SEN...

DURING THE DAY, CAPTAIN SCOTT WAS A SOLDIER AND HIS THOUGHTS WERE OF HIS MEN AND THE BATTLE! BUT AT NIGHT, IN HIS FOXHOLE, HE WAS A FATHER AND HIS THOUGHTS WERE OF HIS SON...

I REMEMBER THE FISHING AND HUNTING TRIPS WE USED TO GO ON WHEN HE WAS A KID, AND THE SONGS WE USED TO SING AROUND THE CAMP FIRE AT NIGHT! HOW THAT KID LOVED TO SING...AND IF EVER HE WANTED ME TO KNOW OR FEEL SOMETHING, HE'D TELL IT TO ME IN A SONG!

"HE NEVER WAS MUCH OF A MAN IN SIZE, BUT IN HEART AND COURAGE HE WAS A GIANT! I REMEMBER THE DAY HE CAME HOME WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES... IT WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME I SAW HIM CRY..."

THE ARMY REJECTED ME, DAD! THEY SAID I COULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A MONTH OF THE RUGGED G.I. COMBAT LIFE!

ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELP WIN WARS DON'T WEAR UNIFORMS, SON! THERE ARE PEOPLE IN FACTORIES, NURSES AND DOCTORS, AND THOSE WHO ENTERTAIN OUR TROOPS WHO DO THEIR PART TOO!

AND THE REDS, TOO, HAD TIME TO REST AND THINK DURING THOSE NIGHTS...

I HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THE FRENCH IN INDO-CHINA, BUT NEVER HAVE I WITNESSED ANY TROOPS ATTACK WITH THE FURY OF THIS FOX COMPANY!

BUT WHAT DRIVES THEM TO SUCH COURAGE?

THAT I DON'T KNOW... BUT I DO KNOW THEY NEVER WEARY, AND THAT IN THE MORNING THEY WILL ATTACK AGAIN... AND WE WILL RUN AGAIN!

NOT SO! I HAVE JUST RECEIVED NEWS WHICH WILL STOP THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN AND HIS COMPANY WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, FOX COMPANY WAS READY TO CONTINUE THE ATTACK...
CAPTAIN, ALL THE DOGGIES IN THE OUTFIT ELECTED ME TO TELL YOU HOW THEY FELT ABOUT...
I KNOW, LIEUTENANT! THEY'VE SHOWN IT BY THE WAY THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE PAST THREE DAYS!
TELL THEM THE "OLD MAN" SAYS THANKS!
YES, SIR! BUT WHY DID THE REDS SNATCH YOUR SON, SIR? DO YOU THINK THEY'LL FORCE HIM TO ENTERTAIN THEIR TROOPS?
NOTHING COULD FORCE MY SON TO DO THAT, LIEUTENANT!
AND ONCE AGAIN FOX COMPANY ATTACKED IN A POWERFUL ASSAULT THAT STAGGERED THE RED REGIMENT...AND ONCE AGAIN CAPTAIN SCOTT FOUGHT AS IF EVERY COMMIE HE ENGAGED WAS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SON'S CAPTURE...
BY NOON, THE REDS WERE SHOWING SIGNS OF CRACKING UP UNDER FOX COMPANY'S SMASHES...
ONE MORE BLOW, CAPTAIN, AND THEIR RETREAT WILL TURN INTO A ROUT!
WE'LL REGROUP AND THROW THAT ALL-OUT ATTACK IN TWO HOURS!
BEG PARDON, SIR... THIS RED CAME INTO OUR OUTPOST WITH A WHITE FLAG... SAYS HE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU!
FROM HONORABLE NEW COMMANDER OF OUR REGIMENT WHO WISHES TO MAKE TERMS!
CAPTAIN SCOTT READ THE MESSAGE, AND BY THE LOOK WHICH STORMED OVER HIS FACE, HIS MEN KNEW IT WASN'T A SURRENDER MESSAGE...
THEY'VE MADE A MAJOR OUT OF THE GUERRILLA WHO CAPTURED MY SON! HE'S IN COMMAND OF THE RED REGIMENT WE'RE OPPOSING, AND HE SAYS IF WE ATTACK ONCE MORE, MY SON WILL...
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SILENCE DROPPED OVER THE COMPANY, AND THEN OUT OF THAT SILENCE AND FROM ACROSS NO MAN'S LAND THERE FLOATED A SINGING VOICE...
WHEN A BODY MEETS A BODY COMIN' THRU THE RYE
THAT'S JIMMY SCOTT! I'D KNOW HIS VOICE ANY-WHERE!
SONG AFTER SONG CAME OVER THE REDS' LOUDSPEAKER, AND EVERY FOX COMPANY DOGGIE AVOIDED THE CAPTAIN'S EYES! THEY SENSED WHAT HE WAS GOING THROUGH...
YOU TAKE THE HIGH ROAD AND
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! MY SON ENTERTAINING THE REDS! I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO IT!
THE CAPTAIN CONTINUED TO LISTEN, AND THE DOGGIES SAW A SMILE SPREAD OVER THE CAPTAIN'S FACE...
YOU'LL BE COMIN' 'ROUND THE MOUNTAIN WHEN YOU COME...
THEN SUDDENLY THE SMILE DISAPPEARED...
PLATOON LEADERS! ALERT YOUR MEN! WE ATTACK AT ONCE...OVER THE MOUNTAINS!
EVEN THE PFC'S KNEW THAT AN ATTACK OVER THE PADDIES WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER THAN AN ASSAULT OVER THE MOUNTAINS, BUT WHEN FOX COMPANY REACHED THE RUGGED PEAKS, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES LOOKING STRAIGHT DOWN AT THE REDS CORNERED IN A VALLEY POCKET...
THE YONKEES ARE ALL AROUND US! AND WE THOUGHT THEY WOULD ATTACK FROM THE FIELDS, NOT THE IMPOSSIBLE MOUNTAINS!
BUT HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?
IT WOULD'VE BEEN DISASTROUS FOR THE REDS TO FIGHT, AND MAJOR SO YAN SEN AND HIS MEN HAD NO DESIRE TO MEET THEIR ANCESTORS YET...
WE SURRENDER, YONKEES! AND CAPTIVE OF SO YAN SEN... ONE FINE 'MELICAN SINGER...IS IN NUMBER ONE CONDITION!
EVERY FOX COMPANY DOGGIE FELT AS IF HE HAD HIS ARMS AROUND HIS SON, AS THEY WATCHED CAPTAIN SCOTT AND HIS BOY EMBRACE...
DAD!
JIMMY!
YOU WON THIS BATTLE, SON...ALL I DID WAS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS YOUR SONGS GAVE ME OVER THE REDS' LOUD-SPEAKER! LIKE ALWAYS... THEY HAD A SPECIAL MEANING FOR ME!
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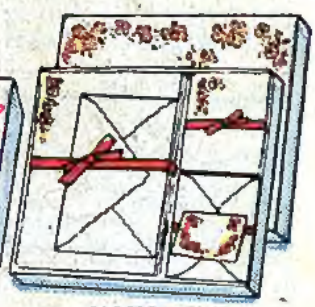

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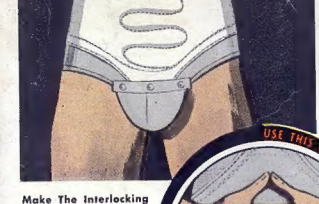

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